

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

**Claims 1-4 (Canceled)**

**Claim 5 (New):** An apparatus for forming a bait sack using a netting material, said apparatus comprising:

a filling collar having a tubular configuration and an inside surface for directing bait into the netting material;

a forming sleeve having a tubular configuration and being disposed coaxially about the filling collar;

a netting material disposed between the filling collar and the forming sleeve;

the filling collar and the forming sleeve being movable relative to each other to form a bait sack with the netting material; and

a handle body having a cylindrical configuration, the handle body including a first end for sliding into the filling collar to temporarily enclose bait in the bait sack.

**Claim 6 (New):** The apparatus of claim 5 wherein the handle body has a second end that includes a chamber for holding a tying material for permanently enclosing the bait in the bait sack.

**Claim 7 (New):** An apparatus for forming a bait sack using a netting material, said apparatus comprising:

- a filling collar having a tubular configuration and an inside surface for directing bait into the netting material;
- a forming sleeve having a tubular configuration and being disposed coaxially about the filling collar;
- a netting material disposed between the filling collar and the forming sleeve;
- the filling collar and the forming sleeve being movable relative to each other to form a bait sack with the netting material; and
- the forming sleeve including an O-ring that grips the netting material and forms the netting material into a bait sack.